

Students prepare to brave wet and wild rapids



Enthusiastic rafters take to the Ottawa River. (Photo courtesy of River Run)

By Jamie Slater

Preparations are under way for the 4th annual Conestoga College white water rafting trip down the Ottawa River, scheduled for July 11 and 12.

The \$160 trip includes two breakfasts, two lunches, a steak dinner and an all-day rafting trip through Ottawa's rapids.

Tanya VanVliet, co-organizer of the trip, said in an interview May 4 that sign-ups were going well.

"There's quite a number of people going, but it's mostly people from outside the college. A lot of people at the college showed interest, but never booked. But so far, 96 spots have been filled."

VanVliet went on last year's trip and highly recommends it to everyone.

"It went really well last year. There were no problems and everyone had an awesome time."

For people concerned with safety, VanVliet said there's no need to worry.

There are guides in each raft and at checkpoints, as well as in kayaks which follow each raft.

One of the drawbacks that VanVliet and co-organizer Leigh Youse have heard from students is getting to Ottawa. Youse suggests car pooling or taking a train.

Anyone still wishing to go on the trip can contact VanVliet or Youse at the college, or Glen Dodsworth at 740-0712.

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Pipe leak floods Doon Cafeteria

By Stewart Shuttler

The Doon campus cafeteria looked like the Poseidon Adventure on April 16, after two drain-pipes above the ceiling burst.

The pipes, which were tied into one another, came apart due to heavy rainfall.

"You know how it is when you turn a hydrant on? That's what it was like," said security officer Janet Smith.

Barry Milner, manager of physical resources, said the pipes that came apart were two of the leaders from the roof drain outside the Learning Resource Centre.

Milner said a rubber clamp connection between the two pipes came apart. "It just blew, and we had to contain the water."

He said the damage was limited to the ceiling tiles and one heat detector, on which there was to be further testing.

"We don't have all the costs there yet. We're still looking at repairs to prevent this from happening again," Milner said.

Smith called Milner about 6:45 p.m. and cleanup was completed by 11 p.m. "She handled it very well," he said.

Smith said the alarm system rang for a few seconds, then stopped. She thought there was a glitch in the system, but discovered later the leak had shorted out the system.

Smith said she was then called downstairs by the cafeteria staff.

To contain the water, she used a couple of grey buckets from maintenance that are usually used for garbage.

"But as fast as we would empty them, they would fill up again."

Milner said the repairs would take a few days to complete, depending on the weather.

The cafeteria was closed for the evening and night school students had to use Dooners cafeteria.

"I never saw water run quite like that inside a building before," Smith said. "It could've done a lot of damage; it could have flooded the whole downstairs."

"We're lucky it just ruined the tiles," she said.



They cleaned up!

From left, little Dooners Brittany Adshade, Darren Bennette, and Amber Dobson display what they picked up from the grounds of Doon campus during Earth Day celebrations. (Photo by Stewart Shuttler)

Dorothy retires after 17 years

By M.L. Skornyak

Service at Conestoga College's Doon campus cafeteria won't be the same.

On April 30, Beaver Foods said goodbye to long-time employees Dorothy Bockelkamp — of Dorothy's Special fame — and Alice Bowers.

Bockelkamp created the breakfast dish, consisting of scrambled eggs, cheddar cheese, tomato, three strips of bacon and toast, not long after she started work 17 years ago.

"I just started putting things together and called it a Dorothy's Special because it is mine," Bockelkamp said. "It's my favorite dish. I love to make it."

Jackie Van Trigt, manager of Beaver Foods at Doon campus, said the item would stay on the menu, but not necessarily as the Dorothy's Special.

"It's not going to mean the same (without Dorothy)," Van Trigt said. "I think what we should probably do is retire it, like a (sports team's) sweater or something."

To many, Bockelkamp's retirement came as a surprise. She decided "it was time to retire."

On her first day of retirement, Bockelkamp — who started work at 7 a.m. — enjoyed lazing in her pyjamas until almost noon.

Bowers, who retired after working for Beaver Foods for more than 13 years, put the finishing touches on the baked items, prepared trays for special functions and worked the steam table during lunch.

"They both will be missed," Van Trigt said.



Dorothy Bockelkamp works in the cafeteria. (File photo by Ted Hodgins)

Cleanup draws low turnout

By Jamie Slater

Tracy Holtl and Anita Buzadzija did what they set out to do — clean up the wooded area of Conestoga College's Doon campus.

Only 12 participants came to help out with the cleanup on May 3, but Holtl and Buzadzija hope it will become an annual event.

Aside from faculty member Lynne Woolstencroft and her husband, Peter, only Holtl's friends and family members showed up. There were no college students at all, said Buzadzija.

"I was very disappointed at the turnout, but there are things that can be improved upon for next year."

Some of those things include scheduling the cleanup earlier in the semester to avoid late advertising. Classes had officially finished prior to the cleanup, says Buzadzija.

"If it had been done earlier, there would have been a better turnout," Buzadzija said. "We have to start to promote earlier and make sure people sign up so we know what to expect."

"I know a lot of students (had) already gone home for the summer, which is another reason we have to do it earlier."

Despite the low turnout, both Holtl and Buzadzija said they were pleased with the support they received from the college's physical resources department and the Doon Student Association.

"Physical (resources) provided all the supplies for the cleanup and the DSA donated money for us to buy pizza and pop for the volunteers," Buzadzija said.

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Singing those summer blues



By
 Jamie Slater

From all indications, summer has arrived.

The sunglasses and neon-colored Bermuda shorts are out in full blast.

The hallowed halls of the college are near empty, with the exception of a flurry of journalism, nursing and woodworking co-op students who wander aimlessly through them like rats in a sewer, while our fortunate friends, who were wise enough to enrol in a normal college course, curriculum wise, have the summer off.

They can go to the beach, get a sun-tan, play some tennis and find a summer job to make money to return in the fall.

While our friends tan, those students remaining are learning how to do things such as lay out a page of Spoke, test their cardio-pulmonary resuscitation skills on a dummy and build a solid oak cabinet. The only taste of summer we get is watching through our car windows while driving home from a hard day's work at college.

What social or educational benefits can we reap by spending our summer in college?

Let's look at it this way.

The journalism program takes five semesters to complete. An average college course takes four to six and has intakes in the fall and winter.

If a journalism student starts in the fall, he or she can complete the program in two college years by going through the first summer. The student also spends the better part of the final semester on job placement.

A journalism student only has one year and a half of classes. Not bad!

We can also look at our summer-college experience as a training ground for the poisonous work force we all dread.

How many times have your parents taken summers off to tan or play tennis?

It's time to face facts.

Summers are for the young and restless (not the television show). As we finish college, we must bid a fond adieu to our youthful naiveté and smell the coffee — we're actually going to have to work through the summer when, and if, we get a job.

But this doesn't mean we lose our grip on all that is fun and wild in this world. We just get our fill from two weeks of non-stop partying at an all-inclusive Jack Tar Village on some tropical island miles away from reality.

I like that!

Letters to the editor

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 home base.

What would happen if aliens got the Dorothy Special?

Death penalty serves no justice

A man was murdered at San Quentin Penitentiary in California on April 21. It was California's first execution in 25 years.

The man, Robert Alton Harris, shot and killed two San Diego teenagers 14 years ago so he could use their car for a bank robbery. Harris committed the act while on parole for a 1975 manslaughter conviction.

Four stays were issued by the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in the week before the execution, but the fourth stay, which was issued after Harris was already strapped in the gas chamber, was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ordered lower courts not to file any more stays without the high court's permission.

What Harris did was wrong and inhuman. But does this excuse the state of California from committing the same crime?

The state of California had been planning this execution as a premeditated murder for 14 years. There is no way around it. Having someone put to death, no matter what they have done, is murder.

An execution puts the justice system on the same level as the person who is being executed. Some people actually call this a form of justice, but the eye-for-an-eye form of justice went out of style in biblical times.

As the Rev. Joe Ingle, author of Last Rites, a book on the death penalty in the south, says: "Imagine someone placing you in a large closet, telling you how you're going to be killed in a few years, keeping you there and taking you out to kill you, and stopping, then finally

one day slaughtering you."

What Harris did that day 14 years ago may have been spur of the moment. No one will know for sure just what made him go over the edge and pull the trigger.

The long wait and anxiety of knowing about one's own death, along with the actual execution, is part of the whole process of capital punishment — a process which U.S. president George Bush says he favors. Bush says he opposes abortion because all life is important and should be saved. He has quite a contradiction in values. It seems that Bush puts more importance on fetuses than he does on full-grown adults who can be rehabilitated.

Life is sacred and no person has the right to decide who lives or who dies. If people start making those decisions, then they start playing God. Alton Harris committed a crime and should have paid a penalty but he did not deserve to have his life taken away from him.

A life sentence is severe punishment. Harris would not have been able to hurt anyone else, and if he was rehabilitated he would have lived with the guilt and remorse for the rest of his life.

Some say capital punishment is a deterrent against crime, but how can it be if there are 2,500 more people awaiting execution in the U.S.? Harris was the 169th person put to death since the 1976 ruling reinstating the death penalty.

California is usually a place where trends start. Let's hope this isn't one of them.

— Stewart Shutler

Jury verdict a lesson in shame

An uneasy peace has settled over riot-ravaged Los Angeles.

For more than five days the city has been rocked by the worst social unrest since the Detroit Watts riots after Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination in 1968.

More than 47 people have been killed, 2,300 injured and damage has been estimated at more than \$700 million.

Within hours of the Rodney King verdict, blacks and whites stormed the Los Angeles police headquarters; blacks dragged innocent motorists from their cars and beat them; and hundreds of businesses and homes were looted or burned.

The rioting, which spread to cities such as Atlanta and Miami, goes beyond Rodney King and the four officers. It reflects dissatisfaction with U.S. race relations and the plight of its black population.

The unrest if not justified, is understandable.

Poverty has increasingly become defined by race, a problem which has gone on for hundreds of years. Justice, as evident in the acquittal of four white police officers in the brutal beating of a black suspect, is decidedly racial.

The rioters are responding to years of police brutality and social injustices. These people have a right to be frustrated with the verdict — but the answer to violence isn't more violence.

The fact anyone — let alone 12 people — could view the tape and say the beating was justified illustrates the gap between justice for blacks and whites in the U.S.

Anyone who saw the 80-second tape knows it was an obvious act of excessive force — without a shadow of a doubt.

The question is not whether officers have the right to use force to do their jobs, but rather what constitutes excessive use of force?

Defence attorneys said the four officers did what they were trained to do: inflict pain and break bones necessary to bring in a suspect.

King was struck 59 times on camera and surrounded by more than 10 officers — all armed with guns and night sticks.

No trace of alcohol or narcotics was found in his system.

Theodore Brisens, one of the police officers at the beating, testified against his fellow officers, saying they were "out of control."

An expert witness said the Rodney King beating was an unwarranted excessive use of force.

Official police reports of the King incident were altered.

The verdict was handed down by an all-white jury. Of the 400 prospects summoned for jury duty, only six were black.

Six of 54 witnesses called to testify were not law enforcement officers. And two jurors were ex-police officers.

We — black, white, red, yellow and all those in between — have to take responsibility for this sad event and restore peace and justice for all people. We have to stand up and shout; this gross miscarriage of justice cannot be swept under the carpet.

Remember: an eye for an eye leaves everybody blind. Watching these events is like seeing history repeating itself for no good reason. Haven't we learned anything?

— M.L. Skornyak

DSA open forum draws low student response

By Ken Cenerelli

The Doon Student Association's open forum drew a dismal number of students but it was considered a success for voicing student complaints said Anita Arnold, former DSA vice-president administration.

Seven students attended the April 28 forum along with about 14 DSA executive members and college support staff.

Topics for discussion ranged from the use of computers at night, to money spent on pubs, to the lack of coverage of technological programs by Spoke. Six of the seven students attending the 1 1/2 hour forum were from technology.

Arnold said in a later interview that the biggest concern voiced was the lack of representation in the technology area. "They wanted to know they actually had a voice in what was happening in the student association."

Suggestions from the meeting for better representation included

elected DSA executive representatives from each of the four schools: business, engineering technology, health sciences, and applied arts.

Other suggestions included the election of representatives from each program to serve on the board of directors. The board of directors is made up of program representatives who oversee the DSA's functions on behalf of the students. Elections would be conducted in class, utilizing instructors. Currently, board of director members are nominated by attaining 10 signatures on the nomination form.

At the forum, Arnold said that a representative "should be saying what the program thinks, not what the representative thinks. Things will change with elected representatives."

Angelos Kouzambasis, president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), an engineering technology association at the Doon campus, said the DSA should be "uniting students." Kouzambasis wants students to put

pressure on the college to provide better services.

Kouzambasis said the technology students receive better representation from the IEEE and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers than from the DSA. He said he is "not getting any value from the \$53 activity fee."

His main concern is that he is not allowed to use the computers when night classes start. Kouzambasis wants to see some computers reserved at night for full-time students so they can do their assignments.

Kouzambasis also pointed out students are not allowed to use the computers on pub nights because all the rooms are locked for security reasons.

Another topic discussed was the DSA's involvement with Spoke. Some students felt the DSA has some editorial control over Spoke because of the \$17,500 the DSA contributes to its production. In return for the money, the DSA is guaranteed up to two pages of free

advertising per issue.

The proposed Doon Nursing Student Association and the Doon Technical Students Association were topics on the agenda, but nothing was brought forward concerning them.

Petitions to break away from the DSA and collect student activity fees for nursing and technology students were initiated, but Arnold said it was unclear whether the petition is still circulating.

Arnold said the concern for lack of representation of technology students is a valid one.

"There are definitely concerns there. There were a lot of things at the meetings that I agreed with. They said 'the student association is out of touch with a lot of students.' I agree there is a lack of representation. That was obvious on our board of directors this year and the activities that we put on."

Arnold said she considered the forum a success because the DSA addressed concerns of technology

students. But she wished there had been a bigger turnout from students in different programs. She chalked up the lack of support to scheduling the forum at the end of the year and late in the day (4 p.m.).

The 1992-93 DSA executive — Todd Sutherland, president; Steve Tremblay, vice-president administration, and Mark Weicker, vice-president of communications — asked technology students for ideas to help the DSA create technology-based activities.

"We asked for a list of what the DSA can do for them, like special activities, but as far as I know we are still waiting for a list. There is a big lack of communication and a big lack of dedication (from the students)," said Weicker.

Weicker added that "a lot of constructive feedback came from a number of technology students (at the forum)."

"Some points were well taken and we'll see what is actually feasible and what isn't. They'll be acted on if they're good," Weicker said.

25th boat race postponed

By Ken Cenerelli

The 25th and final Spring Thaw Boat Race has been postponed until Sept. 12, due to dangerous conditions on the Grand River.

The race, scheduled for April 25, was cancelled April 22 because the Grand River Conservation Authority "strongly advised that we postpone the race because the river was running very fast and the river temperature was ranging from four to seven degrees, which is very cold and hypothermia can set in quickly," said Becky Westman, DSA activities co-ordinator.

Concern was also expressed because of a drowning on the river the April 18.

Westman said that a participant called her after a local rental company refused to rent a life jacket because of the conditions of the river and the liability that could occur in the event of an accident. The September date was chosen because the students would be gone until the fall and they decided to run the event during Orientation Week.

"It was dangerous and we didn't want to run the chance of anyone getting injured or possibly drowning," Westman said.

The boat race is in its final year because the DSA decided to put the money spent on the race towards activities more students participate in. The race began as a student event but, had increasingly become a community event with fewer students participating.

Career enhancing association formed

By Jamie Slater

To compete with an ever-changing business market, the materials management students of Conestoga College's Guelph campus have formed a group which enhances employment opportunities, said group president Rose Hewitson.

"In the business world, the environment is always changing," Hewitson said. "The Canadian Association of Production and Inventory Control (CAPIC) also changes to keep current and provide the best training for its members."

Hewitson, a second-year materials management student, said the student chapter of CAPIC was formed in 1983 under the parent chapter of the American Production and Inventory Control Society.

CAPIC offers its members continued education in manufacturing

and management through courses and seminars related to business and material services.

Members receive reduced rates on more than 45 educational programs, which include master planning, inventory management, capacity requirement techniques, and manufacturing principles and practices.

For these reasons, Hewitson believes membership does have its privileges.

"It better prepares you for employment," Hewitson said. "It's not enough to say 'I've graduated, I'm good.' Your student chapter experience can help you develop your skills."

Hewitson and her nine-member executive have been busy this year organizing tours of local plants to gain an "inside" look at manufacturing. They arranged a CAPIC open house on March 31, with more than 50 people from the community

and industries in attendance, and organized fund-raising events to award a \$500 bursary to student in the first or second year of materials management or a general business course.

Conestoga's college chapter is one of more than 250 throughout North America. Other chapters range from Mohawk and Centennial colleges in Ontario to the University of California, Los Angeles.

Hewitson said she believes that all students in materials management can benefit from joining the CAPIC student chapter and by continuing with the parent chapter once they graduate.

"It's becoming more important for students to become involved with CAPIC," Hewitson said. "Everyone wants a diploma, but they also want other things to work to their advantage — even after graduation."

Job search tough, students told

By Ken Cenerelli

The message was in black and white.

"Student concerns, the hiring process: influencing the interviewer," read the blackboard.

The message let students know what topic Kent Dickie and Marion Pratt were going to address. The two spoke to a design and analysis class in April at the Doon campus.

Both speakers graduated from the program the previous year and they were invited back by instructor Pat Tondreau to share their job market experiences with the class.

"Technology is the best place to be, but not right now," said Pratt, alluding to the slow job market. Pratt was hired by Babcock-Wilcox in Cambridge.

The two were asked to introduce themselves to the class, explain their job and their company's product and then assess whether or not Conestoga prepared them for the work force.



Kent Dickie

"You have to have a certain understanding of your value," Dickie said, trying to explain certain assets needed for the interview. "You won't succeed in the work place until you can measure yourself and see what you can give to the employer. You have to give something before you get something."

"Employers don't hire an education, they hire a person. They hire someone to solve a problem, not a collection of textbooks and notes," Dickie said in an inter-

view after the presentation.

Dickie says he got into technology because his "get-rich-quick schemes weren't working and (he) couldn't buy enough lottery tickets."

He believes he had a decided advantage going into interviews because of his two-year service in the military and his previous job-market experience.

Dickie and Pratt also advised watching the business sections of newspapers to see which companies are getting contracts and need to expand their workforce.

Dickie praised the benefits of a college education because it "gives you instant credibility; you don't have to prove yourself to the employer."

Both graduates had similar sessions with speakers in Tondreau's class and said they benefited from them and used them to aid their job search.

Tondreau invites speakers every year and tries to schedule them for class time, because after-class talks have poor attendance, he said.



School's out

A lonely student haunts the empty halls at the Doon campus. The winter semester ended May 1, leaving only woodworking, journalism and nursing students to wander the halls.

(Photo by Jamie Slater)

Hard Courts sheds a different light on tennis

Hard Courts
by John Feinstein
(Villard Books, \$30)
456 pages

By Jamie Slater

Tennis parents and multi-million dollar endorsement contracts. The rise of Jennifer Capriati and Pete Sampras. The fall of John McEnroe and Steffi Graf.

For most fans, tennis is the sport of royalty. Pure power coupled with keen intellects and razor-sharp mentality, surrounded by angelic whiteness. It is also a game with personalities.

John Feinstein's fourth book, *Hard Courts*, takes a behind-the-scenes look at professional tennis — the sport and the establishment — quickly dispelling visions of grandeur and strawberries and cream with bitter feuds and genuine screw-ups.

The book takes an in-depth overview of the tennis season of 1990-

91, which will perhaps be described as the most exciting tennis year ever.

There were eight different grand slam champions: Ivan Lendl, Monica Seles, Andres Gomez, Stefan Edberg, Martina Navratilova, Gabriela Sabatini, Sampras and Graf.

Feinstein has captured the true grit and garbage of the season

Chris Evert retired, but Capriati emerged as the likely replacement for the U.S. tennis ego.

But despite the exciting and somewhat fluffy exterior picture, Feinstein has captured the true grit and garbage of the season which is not as appealing once you've finished the book.

The trouble begins in Australia,

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the site of the first grand slam tournament of the season. McEnroe, at his controversial best, became the first top-ranked player ever to be disqualified from a grand slam tournament.

Although it was his behavior that got him disqualified, the situation was made more controversial by the new rules and enforcements of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), who had taken over the Men's Tennis Council (MTC, under whose regulations McEnroe would not have been disqualified), as the main tour for male professionals.

The feud between the ATP and MTC continued throughout the entire year. Demands increased from the Women's Tennis Association for more coverage, while working around their advertising

problems with their main sponsor, Virginia Slims. (Cigarette advertising is illegal in Canada, therefore, the Slims logo could not appear on any official tournament endorsements.)

Hard Courts gives a very interesting perspective on the world of tennis

Feinstein also probes into the personal lives of many of the sport's great and not-so-great players, such as the controversy which surrounds Graf's father and his supposed illicit affairs with a German model.

Also included are exposes on players who are forced to live out of their cars in order to compete on the tour because they are not top-ranked players.

Feinstein exposes the techniques of the major management compa-

nies as they battle over the rights to represent up-and-coming U.S. players.

Unfortunately, as you read on, the book becomes a promotional tool for U.S. tennis. The book concentrates on American stars like Sampras, Jim Courier, Michael Chang and even dedicates an entire chapter to Capriati, who was still in her rookie year at the time.

Instead, lightly covered topics such as the Soviet Tennis Federation's threats to ban Natalia Zvereva and Andrei Chesnokov from playing because they wanted to keep a portion of their prize money are overlooked in favor of Andre Agassi's weight training program or Capriati losing respect for Evert.

Still, despite the flaw, *Hard Courts* gives an interesting perspective of the world of tennis. There's much more involved than a racket, a net and a ball.

Student laughter is entertainment manager's goal

By Stewart Shutler

The new Doon Student Association entertainment manager said his goal is to have the students promote the college through word of mouth.

Bruce Gilkinson, a second-year accounting student, said he wants everyone to have a great time at DSA functions and spread the word to their friends about how much fun Conestoga College is.

Gilkinson describes himself as a very motivated leader and not the stereotypical accounting student — a shy nerd who doesn't go out much. He said he is always trying to get other accounting students involved.

He was in every euchre tournament held by the DSA this year and successfully participated in other DSA activities.

"Every day, I came home with something new."

Gilkinson said he gained experience in entertainment matters through managing a rock band named Parasite, which performed in this year's Homegrown Talent Night. He said he also hopes to save



Bruce Gilkinson

the DSA money because of his hobby of "wheeling and dealing," explaining that he buys things then sells them at a higher price.

Gilkinson said he would like to host certain events the way Shawn McEwen, the outgoing DSA entertainment manager, did. He likes being in front of people, and doesn't care if he makes a fool of himself.

"There's nothing wrong with being foolish."

His door will always be open, Gilkinson said, and he wants to receive feedback from people. "If nursing and tech students have

problems, they should come to us."

Gilkinson's plans include a possible mini-pub in the Dooners cafeteria; a fishing derby in the ponds behind the Doon campus main cafeteria, depending on the legalities; and a relatively big-name band to finish off the year.

"Some way, somehow, I've got to turn this sinking ship around and make money on the pubs," he said.

He said if the pubs do start making money, he will use it to get a group like Harem Scarem or Honeymoon Suite to come at the end of the next school year.

Gilkinson said if there isn't enough money in the DSA funds for that, he might put some of his own money towards it.

He said he also plans to keep bringing in comedians for the nooners, since comedy goes over well. "Everybody needs to laugh," he said. "This college needs to laugh."

Gilkinson said he likes being a part of the DSA, so far, and wants to learn all about his position.

"I'm very impressed that I have my own desk and my own

McEwen first in four years to complete office term

By Stewart Shutler

Shawn McEwen, the outgoing Doon Student Association entertainment manager, said he learned "loads" and it was a great experience being a member of the DSA.

McEwen, the first DSA entertainment manager in four years to finish his term in office, said the only problem was that of student motivation. He said initiative and drive were there but no one picked up on them.

"I tried hard to motivate a crowd that didn't want to be motivated," he said.

There were three more nooners this year than last, including the Natural Sounds acoustic show and Sherry O'Brien, the first fe-

male comedian to perform at Conestoga. McEwen initiated a program with O'Toole's (roadhouse) to sponsor all the nooners.

He said Orientation Week in September with the Saddletramps and the Skydiggers went well, and that mentalist Mike Mandel's show in February was extremely successful. This year's Homegrown Talent Night was the smoothest night yet, he said.

"There was a lot out there for people this year. There was everything from guitarists, to rock and roll, to country."

McEwen called himself a risk taker. "I went against policy and did it under the best circumstances possible," he said.

English and Morgan athletes of the year

By John L. Tachauer

Two people had a reason to smile after the 1991-92 Doon Student Association athletics awards banquet held at the Edelweiss Tavern in Kitchener in April.

Those people were Penny English and Ian Morgan.

English, a member of the volleyball, indoor and outdoor soccer Condors, received a ring after nosing out Dhana Clements as female Athlete of the Year.

Morgan, of the men's hockey Condors, was honored as male Athlete of the Year.

"It feels special to be named the best," English said, adding that she was thrilled and honored to be given the award.

The highlight of her year was being named to the all-Canadian team following the Canadian Outdoor Soccer Championships held in November, in which the Condors

finished fifth.

The success of the soccer Condor team was a contributing factor to her success in the voting, she said, "but it is a team sport. One person can't do it all."

"English was our best performer," soccer coach Geoff Johnstone said after the tournament.

In comparison, despite compiling all-star statistics as an individual, Clements and the women's basketball Condors finished in last place with a dismal record of 1-12.

Since winning the award, English had been congratulated by Clements, who thought English deserved to win the award.

Ironically, Clements and English attended the same high school. While there, English won eight most valuable player awards over four years in several sports.

Though English said sports take up a lot of her time, she added, "It is a good way of relieving stress. I

meet lots of people and it is fun."

Morgan, as well as English, said he was honored to win the prestigious award, but was nervous about accepting it.

"I had butterflies in my stomach and weak knees before the presentation," he said.

Prior to winning the player of the year award, his highlight of the year was being named to the InterCollegiate Hockey League all-star team, along with teammate Shawn Wright.

"I could not have had a better year with the hockey team," Morgan said.

He not only did well for the Conestoga team, he also achieved success with the Kitchener Dutchmen of the Mid-Western Junior B Hockey League, winning the most valuable defenceman award.

He plans to play for the Senior A league or try out for the Colonial League.



Ceiling our fate

Steve Farquhart, of Diamond Interiors, installs the ceiling on the ground floor by the elevator on the Doon Campus. The elevator, which has been plagued by many delays, is expected to be operational by the fall semester.

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